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## LANCE HOLT SCHOOL 10 Henry Street, Fremantle

Architect: Donovan Payne Architects

#### Building Contractor: W. Fairweather & Sons

#### **Educational and architectural ideas:**

Being, belonging and becoming – Lance Holt is an independent school that promotes the autonomy and agency of children.

At Lance Holt School we know that children learn best when they feel encouraged, supported and connected. That's why underpinning all of our programs, lessons and activities is an emphasis on school connectedness. This ensures that every child feels valued and heard, and free to reach their full potential. Our students range from pre-kindergarten through to Year 6 – with the total number being just 120. This makes us a small, but tight-knit community of individuals who, together, are growing exceptional adults for the future.

As an inner-city school in Fremantle's historic West End, Lance Holt benefits from, and actively contributes to, the surrounding community and natural environment. Only a ten minute walk away from Bathers Beach, Esplanade Park, Fremantle Port and Kidogo Arthouse, the children have virtually unlimited access to hands-on learning activities – ranging from Beach School, historic walks, library visits, through to playing on the sculptural playgrounds and engaging with Culture and The Arts by regularly visiting the local museums and galleries.

We have strong ties with the local community having built partnerships with other organisations such as Spare Parts Puppet Theatre, Notre Dame University, City of Fremantle and the Maritime Museum. Our involvement has ranged from: asking the children to conduct audience surveys, to having them review performances and offer feedback before opening night for Spare Parts Puppet Theatre, hosting education students from Notre Dame University and participating in the Fremantle Festival and the Fremantle Heritage Festival. These are just some of the many ways in which we enrich, and are enriched by, our connectedness to the vibrant local Fremantle community.



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